

ARMED FORCES AS BASIS FOR ENTITLEMENT TO EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.—Section 3311(c)(4) of such title is amended in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) by striking “A discharge or release from active duty in the Armed Forces” and inserting “A discharge or release from active duty in the Armed Forces after service on active duty in the Armed Forces characterized by the Secretary concerned as honorable service”.

(c) EXCLUSION OF PERIOD OF SERVICE ON ACTIVE DUTY OF PERIODS OF SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH ATTENDANCE AT THE COAST GUARD ACADEMY.—Section 3311(d)(2) of such title is amended by inserting “or section 182 of title 14” before the period at the end.

SEC. 3. MODIFICATION OF AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE AND TYPES OF APPROVED PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION.

(a) AMOUNT OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION PURSUED AT PUBLIC, NON-PUBLIC, AND FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING.—Section 3313(c) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking the subsection heading and inserting the following: “PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING PURSUED AT MORE THAN HALF-TIME BASIS.—”;

(2) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by inserting “at an institution of higher learning (as defined in section 3452(f) of this title)” after “program of education”; and

(3) in paragraph (1), by amending subparagraph (A) to read as follows:

“(A) An amount equal to—

“(i) in the case that such institution is a public institution of higher learning, the established charges for the program of education; and

“(ii) in the case that such institution is a non-public or foreign institution of higher learning, the lesser of—

“(I) the established charges for the program of education; or

“(II) the amount of the average of the established charges at all institutions of higher learning in the United States for a program of education leading to a baccalaureate degree as determined by the National Center for Education Statistics of the Department of Education for the most recent academic year.”.

(b) MODIFICATION OF AMOUNT OF MONTHLY STIPENDS, INCLUDING STIPENDS FOR PART-TIME STUDY, DISTANCE LEARNING, AND PURSUIT OF PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION AT FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING.—Subparagraph (B) of section 3313(c)(1) of such title is amended—

(1) by redesignating clause (ii) as clause (iv); and

(2) by striking clause (i) and inserting the following new clauses:

“(i) Except as provided in clauses (ii) and (iii), for each month the individual pursues the program of education, a monthly housing stipend amount equal to the product of—

“(I) the monthly amount of the basic allowance for housing payable under section 403 of title 37 for a member with dependents in pay grade E-5 residing in the military housing area that encompasses all or the majority portion of the ZIP code area in which is located the institution of higher learning at which the individual is enrolled, multiplied by

“(II) the lesser of one or the quotient of—

“(aa) the number of course hours borne by the individual in pursuit of the program of education involved, divided by

“(bb) the minimum number of course hours required for full-time pursuit of such program of education.

“(ii) In the case of an individual pursuing a program of education at a foreign institution of higher learning, for each month the individual pursues the program of education,

a monthly housing stipend amount equal to the product of—

“(I) the national average of the monthly amount of the basic allowance for housing payable under section 403 of title 37 for a member with dependents in pay grade E-5, multiplied by

“(II) the lesser of one or the quotient of—

“(aa) the number of course hours borne by the individual in pursuit of the program of education involved, divided by

“(bb) the minimum number of course hours required for full-time pursuit of such program of education.

“(iii) In the case of an individual pursuing a program of education through distance learning on more than a half-time basis, a monthly housing stipend amount in an amount equal to 50 percent of the amount payable under clause (ii) if the individual were otherwise entitled to a monthly housing stipend under that clause for pursuit of the program of education.”.

(c) EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR APPROVED PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION AT INSTITUTIONS OTHER THAN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING.—

(1) APPROVED PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION AT INSTITUTIONS OTHER THAN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING.—Subsection (b) of section 3313 of such title is amended by striking “is offered by an institution of higher learning (as that term is defined in section 3452(f)) and”.

(2) ASSISTANCE FOR PURSUIT OF PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION AT INSTITUTIONS OTHER THAN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING.—Such section is further amended—

(A) by redesignating subsections (g) and (h) as subsections (h) and (i), respectively; and

(B) by inserting after subsection (f) the following new subsection (g):

“(g) PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION PURSUED AT INSTITUTIONS OTHER THAN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Educational assistance is payable under this chapter for pursuit of an approved program of education at an institution other than an institution of higher learning.

“(2) AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.—The amounts of educational assistance payable under this chapter to each individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter who is pursuing an approved program of education at an institution other than an institution of higher learning (as defined in section 3452(f) of this title) are amounts as follows:

“(A) In the case of an individual enrolled in a program of education (other than a program described in subparagraphs (B) through (D)) in pursuit of a certificate or other non-college degree, amounts as follows:

“(i) The lesser of—

“(I) the established charges for the program of education; or

“(II) the amount of the average of the established charges at all institutions of higher learning in the United States for a program of education leading to a baccalaureate degree as determined by the National Center for Education Statistics of the Department of Education for the most recent academic year.

“(ii) A monthly stipend in an amount equal to the monthly amount of the basic allowance for housing payable under section 403 of title 37 for a member with dependents in pay grade E-5 residing in the military housing area that encompasses all or the majority portion of the ZIP code area in which is located the institution at which the individual is enrolled.

“(B) In the case of an individual enrolled in a program of education consisting of on-job training or a program of apprenticeship, amounts as follows:

“(i) For each month the individual pursues the program—

“(I) in the first six-month period of the program, an amount equal to 75 percent of 1/12 of the amount of the average of the established charges at all institutions of higher learning in the United States for a program of education leading to a baccalaureate degree as determined by the National Center for Education Statistics of the Department of Education for the most recent academic year;

“(II) in the second six-month period of the program, an amount equal to 55 percent of 1/12 of the amount of such average; and

“(III) in any month after the first 12 months of such program, an amount equal to 35 percent of 1/12 of the amount of such average.

“(ii) A monthly stipend in an amount equal to the lesser of—

“(I) the monthly amount of the basic allowance for housing payable under section 403 of title 37 for a member with dependents in pay grade E-5 residing in the military housing area that encompasses all or the majority portion of the ZIP code area in which is located the employer at which the individual pursues such program; or

“(II) the national average of the monthly amount of the basic allowance for housing payable under section 403 of title 37 for a member with dependents in pay grade E-5.

“(C) In the case of an individual enrolled in a program of education consisting of flight training, an amount equal to the lesser of—

“(i) the established charges for the program of education; or

“(ii) 60 percent of the amount of the average of the established charges at all institutions of higher learning in the United States for a program of education leading to a baccalaureate degree as determined by the National Center for Education Statistics of the Department of Education for the most recent academic year.

“(D) In the case of an individual enrolled in a program of education that is pursued exclusively by correspondence, an amount equal to the lesser of—

“(i) the established charges for the program of education; or

“(ii) 55 percent of the amount of the average of the established charges at all institutions of higher learning in the United States for a program of education leading to a baccalaureate degree as determined by the National Center for Education Statistics of the Department of Education for the most recent academic year.

“(3) CHARGE AGAINST ENTITLEMENT.—The entitlement of an individual to educational assistance under this chapter shall be charged at the rate of one month for each month of assistance provided under this subsection.”.

(3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (h) of such section 3313, as redesignated by paragraph (2) of this subsection, is amended by striking “(e)(2), and (f)(2)(A)” and inserting “subsections (e)(2) and (f)(2)(A), and subparagraphs (A)(i), (B)(i), (C), and (D) of subsection (g)(2)”.

(d) PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION PURSUED ON ACTIVE DUTY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (e)(2) of such section is amended—

(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively;

(B) in the matter preceding clause (i), as redesignated by subparagraph (A)—

(i) by striking “The amount” and inserting “The amounts”; and

(ii) by striking “is the lesser of—” and inserting “are the amounts as follows:

“(A) An amount equal to the lesser of—”; and